



## Galusha Pennypacker March III

January 5, 1943 - January 19, 2021

Galusha Pennypacker March III, a native of West Chester, Pennsylvania, and a long-time resident of Springfield, Louisiana, passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at the age of 78.

He most recently enjoyed his once a week job of delivering the Ponchatoula Times. He was a mechanic by trade, but he would proudly tell you all about how he had owned his own business (World Wide Imports) in Louisville, KY, was a cook, a crane operator, and then acting captain on a jack-up oil rig off shore, drove trucks hauling large tanks across the country, or even how he worked as the grill master of The Hideout Steakhouse in Moab, Utah. He was a “Motor Head”, a collector, and a dreamer who had many projects on his wish list. He just ran out of time to complete them. He never met a stranger, and he loved telling stories and jokes...sometimes over and over. If you met him, he would be sure to let you know how extremely proud he was of his son and daughter. Without a doubt, the highlight of his life (aside from being a husband and father) was being the Clearview Mall Santa for the last 17 years. He said that he thought his mom would have been proud of him being Santa. His family certainly was, and they find peace in the belief that Santa has been reunited with his Mrs. Claus.

Galusha is survived by his son, Walter March Copado; daughter, Erin March; brothers, Larry March (Janet), Woody March (Fran); sister, Deb Dorsett (David); dear friends, Dirk van Bree (Sue), Allen Wells (Natalie), Kitty Faulkenberry, and many other precious lifelong friends.

Galusha is preceded in death by his wife, Myra Roland March; father, Galusha Pennypacker March II; and mother, Clara Rebecca March. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Celebration of Life at The Harbor Church, 2100 Anita Blvd, Hammond, Louisiana, on Saturday, January 23, 2021 from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in Galusha's memory to The American Heart Association, [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

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# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN **23**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

The Harbor Church  
2100 Anita Blvd  
Hammond, LA 70403

# Tribute Wall

EG

“ O knew Galusha when he first came to Louisville, Ky. His business was on River Road st Wolf Pen Branch Rd in Eastern Jefferson County area of Harrods Creek. I had recently acquired a 1971 Alfa Romeo convertible as settlement for someone hitting my Mother's VW Fastback, a sweet ride which blew a head gasket in its 2nd month.

Galusha bought it from me for a lb of reefer. All parties were satisfied.

He had an amazing sense of humor and a vast knowledge of all things mechanic. Back in those days many of the families in Harrods Creek had 6-8 bay garages with all msnor of sports cars and precious antique automobile.

I always wondered where he went; I lost contact when I moved to Lexington to open a bar.

Edward.T.Gilmore@outlook.com

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**Eddie Gilmore** - May 08, 2024 at 11:00 PM

MI

“ Erin, there are no words to describe your dad without repeating what everyone has said. I kept the Christmas card with Santa Claus on it hanging up in my kitchen all year. I told my grandkids that Santa Claus sent me a personal card every year and that he was real. Your dad was a very unique individual (along with your mom) that I had the pleasure of knowing for many years. No matter how long it was between visits it was just like we saw each other daily- just picked up on the conversation!! They were my special friends and they will be in my memories forever. Take care of yourself Erin and if you ever need anything you know we are nearby. Love ya.  
Mickey Inman

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**Mickey Inman** - January 25, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ I remember him and his brothers coming to the March reunion and going to see the fireworks at Lenape park.

Patricia Opczynski - January 23, 2021 at 07:02 PM



“ Galusha's kindness, warmth, generosity, and wealth of life experiences will not be forgotten. Those traits came across each time I had an opportunity to speak with him at family gatherings over the years. Godspeed my friend!

Ryan Reed - January 23, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ Mr. Galusha was such a gentle man with the heartiest laugh that we will not forget! Our resident Krewe of Erin Santa always gave us a helping hand, encouragement, and made us laugh! He was a man whose stories of life imparted knowledge and lessons beyond textbooks. Mr. Galusha's love of family and friends shown through his smile and our lives are forever enriched for having him as our friend! We love you, Santa!  
Lori & Queen Sarah Hess

Lori Hess - January 23, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ Galusha was such a bright light with a joyful laugh that I will always remember. He was so proud of his family and loved to share stories about them. He was quick to lend a hand whenever asked and whatever the task. He will be missed. May his memories be a blessing.

Susan - January 23, 2021 at 08:59 AM

JC

“ Erin,

*So sorry for your loss. Your father was quite a good guy. His smile will be missed, but live on in your memory.*

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**Jack Catalinotto** - January 23, 2021 at 08:27 AM